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The Office acknowledges receipt of Figura et al. reference previously cited on Applicant's 1449 filed February 16, 2000. Since the Figura reference was not provided in the February IDS, the April 9, 2000 date of receipt of this reference is the date for consideration. Under 37 CFR 1.97(d), Applicant must provide a petition, appropriate petition fee and an appropriate statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e). Since the April 9, 2000 communication failed to provide these items, consideration of the Figura reference is denied.

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